

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept. – Disciplinary action against Sri N. Sessaiah, FRO (Retd.) the then Forest Range Officer, Atmakur, Nellore Division, Guntur Circle – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules 1991 – AoC issued – Findings of the Inquiry Officer communicated – Imposing a penalty of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of five (5) years - Show-Cause Notice Issued – Further defence statement received – Concurrence of the APPSC obtained – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 27

Dated: 27-10-2020.
Read the following:

- 1) From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.7228/2013/A&DC-2, dt:14.11.2019.
- 2) Memo.No.EFS01-FRST0FVIG/76/2019-SEC-IV, dt.03.01.2020.
- 3) From Sri N.Sessaiah, FRO (Retd) further defence statement dated 14.02.2020.
- 4) From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.EFS02-19027/37/2018-ADC-PCCF(7228/2013/A&DC-2), dt:03.04.2020.
- 5) Govt. Letter No. EFS01-FRST0FVIG/76/2019-SEC-IV, dt:17.06.2020.
- 6) From the APPSC Lr. No. 246/DC&C/2020, dt. 25.08.2020.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Guntur has informed that as per the G.O.Ms.No.52, EFS&T(For.IV) Dept., dt.01.07.2013, Article of Charge was issued to Sri N.Sessaiah, Forest Range Officer (Retd.) the then Forest Range Officer, Atmakur, Nellore Division, Guntur Circle by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Hyderabad in ref. No.7228/2013/P1, dt.05.08.2013, under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, on the following count:-

Article:“That he has committed irregularity in issuance of clearance certificate stating that the land in Sy.no.1399/1 & 1399/2 of Kothavangallu (V) of Kondavaluru (M) does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Forest Department and expressing his “No Objection” for the said land without verifying revenue records which lead to legal complications”.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 21.09.2013 and did not submit any explanation. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), AP, Guntur appointed the Conservator of Forests, Guntur as Inquiry Officer and Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore as Presenting Officer vide his reference dt.06.12.2013. The Inquiry Officer completed the enquiry and submitted the findings, wherein the Inquiry Officer concluded that the charge is proved beyond reasonable doubt.
3. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer and the Charged Officer acknowledged the Final Notice on 05.08.2019 and submitted his further defence on 28.08.2019, wherein there are no valid/ reasonable points.
4. Since the Charged Officer retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2011, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and material made available, Government have decided to impose a penalty of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of (5) years against Sri N.Seshaiah, Forest Range Officer (Retd.) the then Forest Range Officer, Atmakur, Nellore Division Guntur Circle under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide Memo 2nd read above and the same was communicated to the Charged Officer. The PCCF (HoFF) vide letter 4th read above has informed that Sri N. Seshaiah, FRO(Retd) submitted further defence statement dt.14.02.2020 to the Show Cause Notice, wherein he had not put-forth any new/fresh/valid points to be considered. The PCCF(HoFF) has requested the Government to pass necessary orders in the matter.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of (5) five years, against the retired Charged Officer Sri N. Seshaiah, FRO (Retd), the then Forest Range Officer, Atmakur, Nellore Division, Guntur Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P. Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ADITYA NATH DAS
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur

(with original record Rc. No. 445/2013/M3)

The Individual (through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:

The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.

The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, (with ref. to Lr.No.246/DC&C/2020, dt.25.08.2020).

The P.S. to M(E,EFS&T)

The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Govt., EFS&T Dept.

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SECTION OFFICER